

REMARKS

In response to the PTO's Office Action dated March 20, 2006, Applicant here amends claim 1, cancels claims 6 and 7, and adds new claims 20 and 21.

As here amended, claim 1 is patentable over the cited U. S. patent 5,427,392, taken alone or in combination with the cited U. S. patent 6,959,963. The '392 patent does not disclose or suggest the pull away strip/section called for in independent claims 1 and 20, respectively, as discussed with Examiner Shriver on September 19, 2006 (Applicant and his counsel wish to express their thanks for Mr. Shriver's candor and suggestions during that interview). Unlike the perforated strip disclosed in the '392 patent, applicant's perforations provide a mechanism for removing the claimed sheath from a shopping cart handle after the sheet has been wrapped around such a handle to form a sheath for the handle.

Applicant, a small entity, requests a 3-month extension of time. Enclosed is applicant's \$510.00 check payable to the Commissioner of Patents to cover the fee for this extension.

Applicant's counsel would welcome a telephone conference with PTO Examiner Shriver to discuss any unresolved issue at any time.

Respectfully submitted,



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